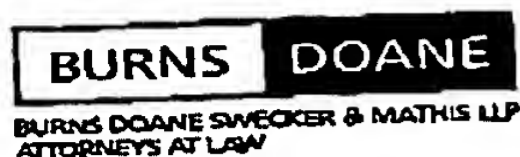


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Filing Date: March 17, 1999

Title: Novel Internal Ribosome Entry Site and Vector Containing Same

Group Art Unit: 1636

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

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☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

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Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
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Sir,

In complete and timely response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Prior to consideration, please first amend the claims as follows.

Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.